

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-179
District 4
Map 7
Parcel 10
MAGI # 2213225935

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Blairs Valley Lake

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Blairs Valley

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Clear Spring

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☒ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

Sportsman

NAME

State of Maryland Inland Fish and Game Commission

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

301 West Preston Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 435

Folio #: 259

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Blairs Valley Lake is a large man made body of water owned by the Maryland Inland Fish and Game Commission. On the property is a farmstead which includes a house which appears to be brick cased and a frame bank barn. The house is a two story, five bay structure with a double porch separate from the main roof span along the entire front elevation. Its surface is painted red. The house may be a two part structure. All windows have two over two pane sashes which appear to be replacements. The windows are quite small relative wall area. A brick smoke house is located near the house.

Since this house is occupied, its construction could not be examined closely. It still appears likely, however, that the structure is at least in part built of log and cased with brick veneer. Two six over six pane sashes remain at the second story level of the front elevation. The house has an inside end chimney of brick at the west end wall and a small interior brick flue. The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal.

The brick smoke house located adjacent to the main house has a decorative brick open work ventilator.

South of the house is a frame bank barn resting on field-stone foundations. It is at present used for storage and for offices for the Blair's Valley Lake.

The house is in deteriorated condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-V-179

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house cannot be dated without further study. However, its general form as well as the size and placement of doors and windows could suggest a pre 1850 log building subsequently sheathed with brick.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 377.25 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland 21782

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WA-V-179

Magi No. _____

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic _____

and/or common Snyder Farm Barn, Blairs Valley Lake

2. Location

street & number Blair's Valley Road, .4 mile north of Hanging Rock Road not for publication

city, town Clear Spring vicinity of _____ congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Washington

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Natural Resources

street & number Towers State Office Bldg telephone no.: _____

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber 435

street & number West Washington Street folio 259

city, town Hagerstown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title DNR Survey

July 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Department of Natural Resources

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL FORM : SNYDER FARM BARN

8. Significance

Survey No. WA-5-179

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/
			<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WA-V-179

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joe Gettyorganization Department of Natural Resources date January 1984street & number Towers State Office Bldg telephone 269-3771city or town Annapolis state MD

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DRAFT--DESCRIPTION

SNYDER FARM BARN

Addendum to original form

The Snyder Farm Barn is a frame bank barn on a stone foundation built around the turn of the century. Oral traditions states that the barn replaced an early structure that was destroyed by fire. Most of the materials in the barn are early twentieth century while some of the hardware in the stone foundation may date from the earlier barn. The structure is 50 feet by 76 feet and contains pens on the foundation level for livestock. The main level has a projecting forebay and open framing. The framing system is traditional to the turn of the century and supports a principle purlin roof structure. At one time, the barn was painted in a white and green ornamental pattern that included arched patterns around the door on the south side.

The Snyder Farm Barn is located on the west side of Blairs Valley Road, .4 mile north of Hanging Rock Road. It is located adjoining Blair's Valley Lake, a large man-made body of water owned by the Maryland Inland Fish and Game Commission, north of Clear Spring in Washington County. The barn is located on a gently sloping site near the Snyder Farmhouse.

The Snyder Farm Barn is a frame bank barn on a stone foundation. It is constructed into a bank and has a foundation level with forebay on the north facade. The barn is covered in a vertical barn siding that at one time was painted white with green trim. The north facade ground story contains several

Draft--Description--Snyder Farm Barn

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doors which lead to livestock pens. The main story of the north facade contains a large sliding door flanked by single ventilator windows. The south facade is the bank facade and contains sliding doors which had a painted arched ornamentation on them (the westernmost door has been painted over a solid color. The east gable end contains a side entrance into the barn and three ventilator windows with a small ventilator window in the gable. There are also two foundation windows on this facade. The west gable end has a fully exposed foundation level covered in vertical siding with an entrance at the southernmost bay and two four pane windows along this level. The main story also has a doorway at the southernmost point, three ventilator windows, and a small ventilator in the gable. The gable roof is covered in sheet metal.

The interior of the foundation level has a large open room in the easternmost section. The westernmost section is divided into pens with a central aisle, an aisle along the south foundation wall, and a section of four pens on the east side and six pens on the west side of the central aisle. The pen arrangement includes hay mangers constructed of rounded dowels running through the stalls. The main floor contains a small partitioned office in the southeast corner of the structure that is now used for Blairs Valley Lake. The remainder of the main floor is open to the ceiling and contains framing system with bracing to support two principle parlins that carry the common rafter through. The framing is mortised, ten^oned, and pegged.

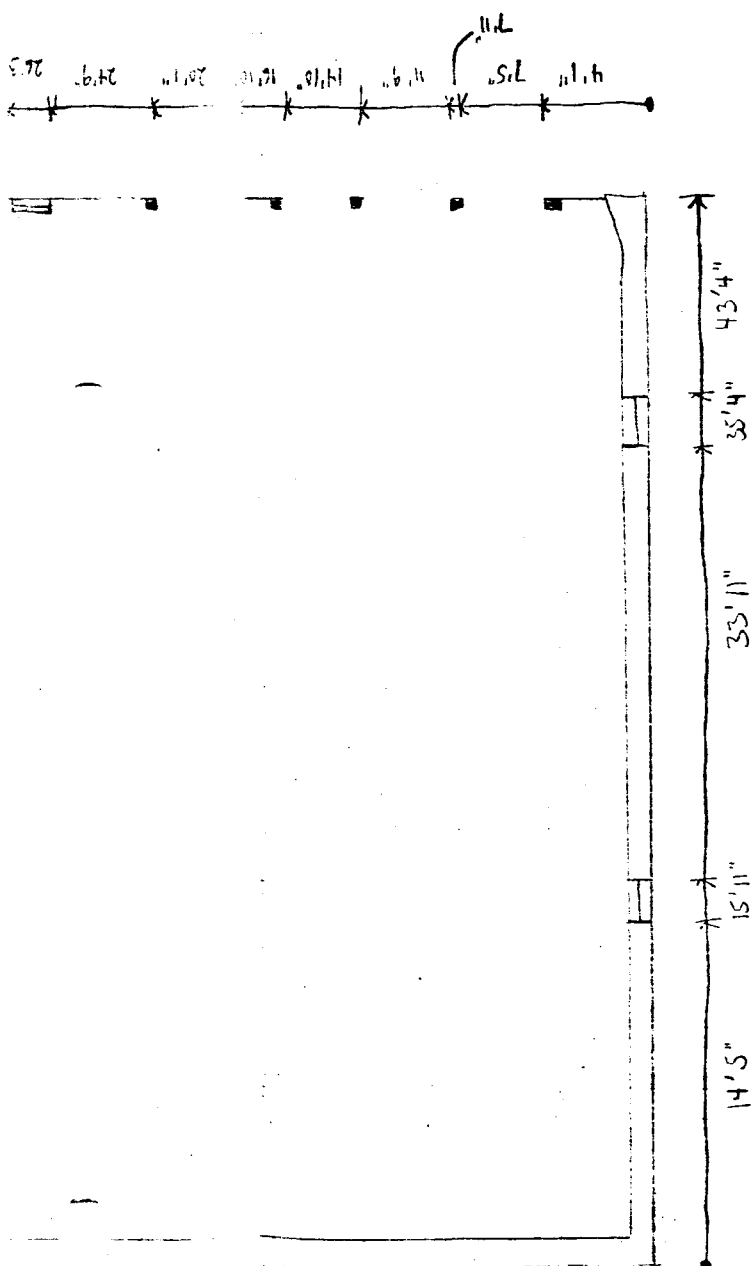
The exterior of the barn is covered in a vertical siding. Most of the hardware in the barn is early twentieth century.

There are two dates painted at separate locations around the barn. At the northwest corner painted in green letters on a concrete covered stone foundation are the words "Henry Snyder, 1921." On one of the doors are the letters "C A S, Apr. 1, 1917." Oral traditions states that an early barn was destroyed by fire on this site and current barn was built by Henry Snyder in the early twentieth century.

Significance.

The Snyder Farm Barn is a representative frame bank-barn from the turn of the century. In construction techniques, materials, and use, the structure displayed characteristics typical of those found for such agriculture buildings in central Maryland.

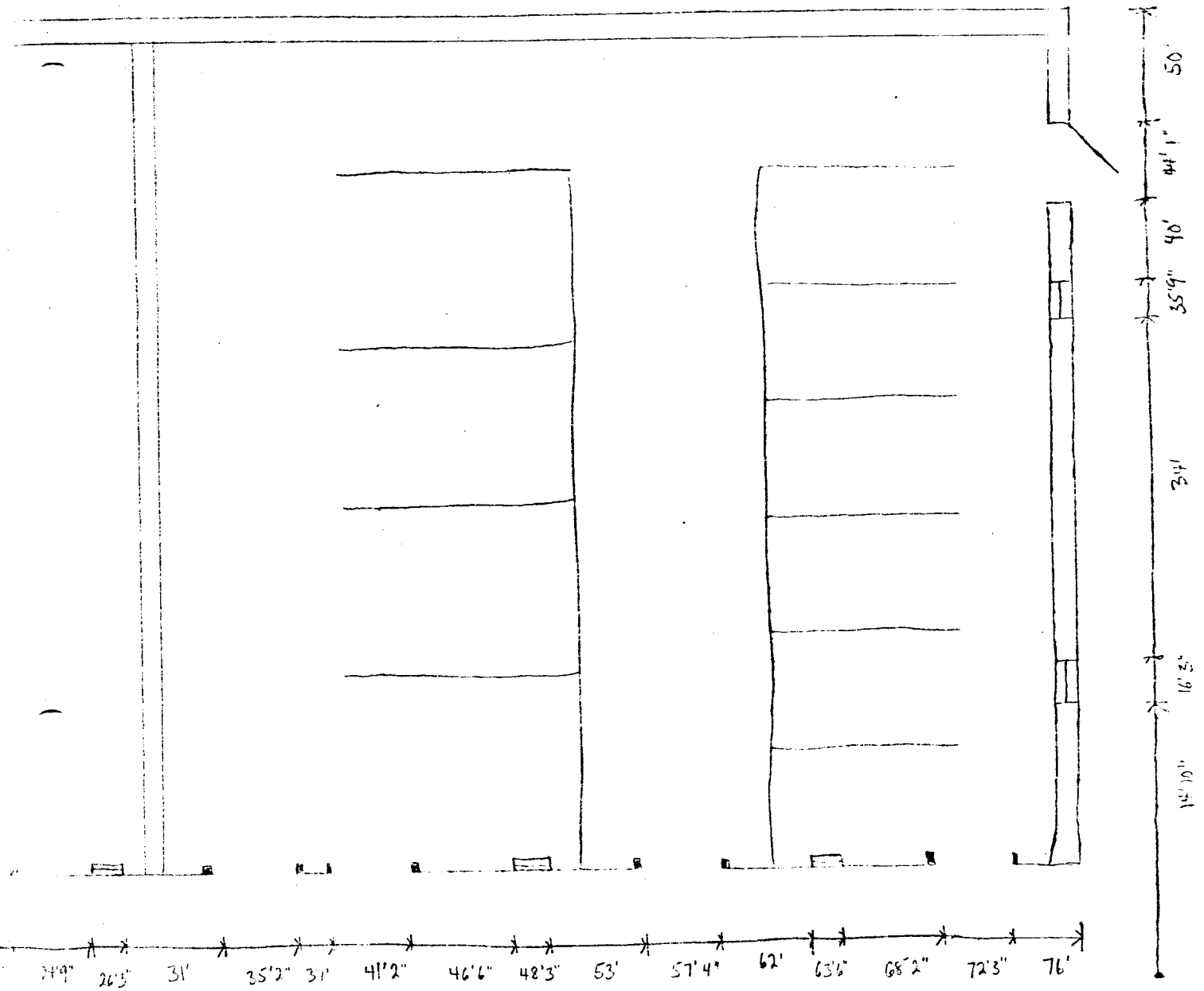
Oral tradition states that the structure was built in the early twentieth century on the foundation of an earlier barn that was destroyed by fire. In one corner of the foundation are the ~~painted~~ words "Henry Snyder 1921" painted in green paint over concrete applied to the stone foundation. Over one door under the ~~forebay~~ are the initials C.A.S. with the date Apr. 1, 1917. These do not necessarily indicate date of construction (they could indicate date of painting or other improvements). It appears that these dates could be accurate for construction of the barn based on examination of the hardware and construction techniques.



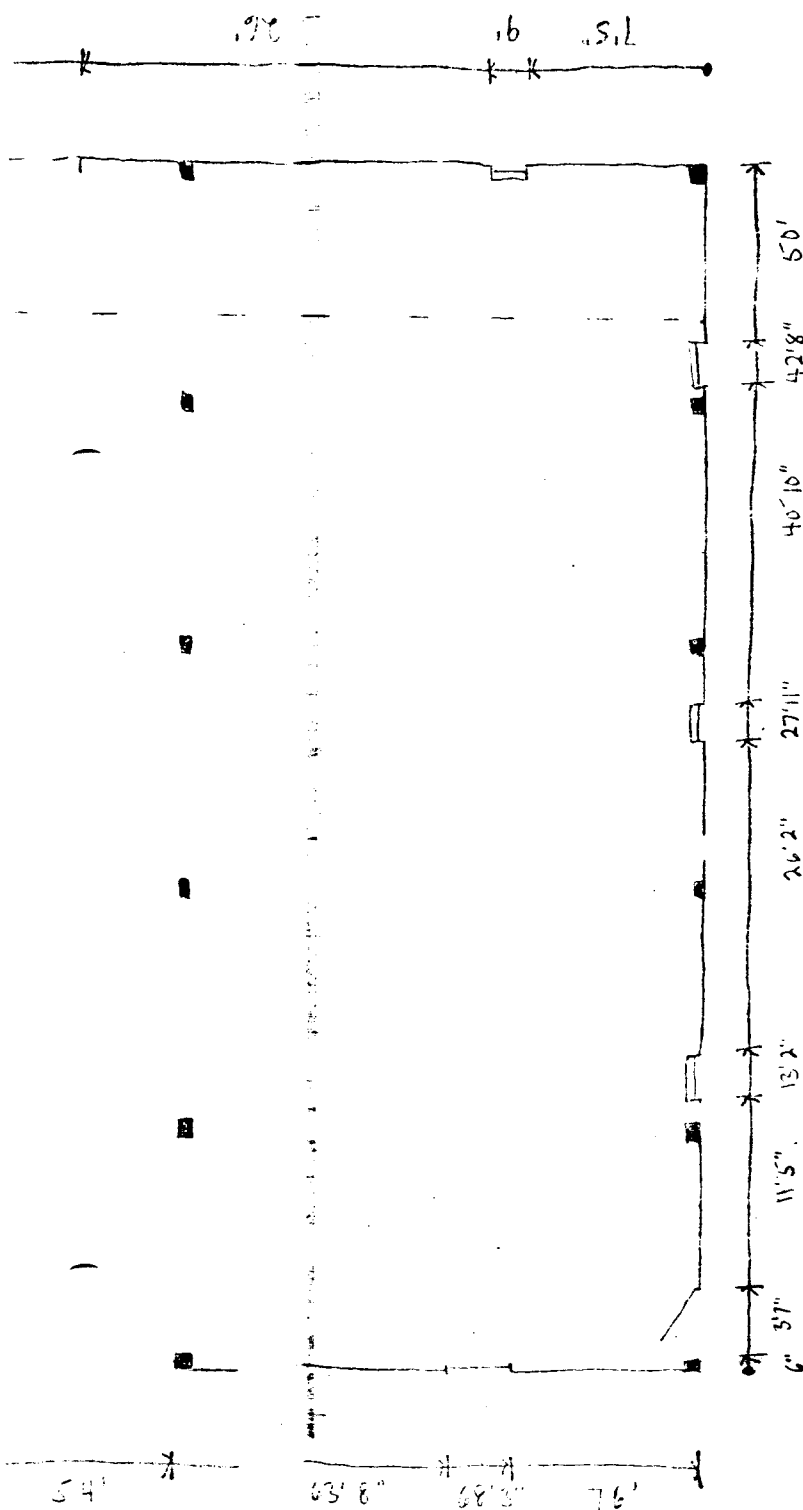
WA-V-179 Snyder Farm Barn

Foundation Level

scale - 1/8" = 1 foot

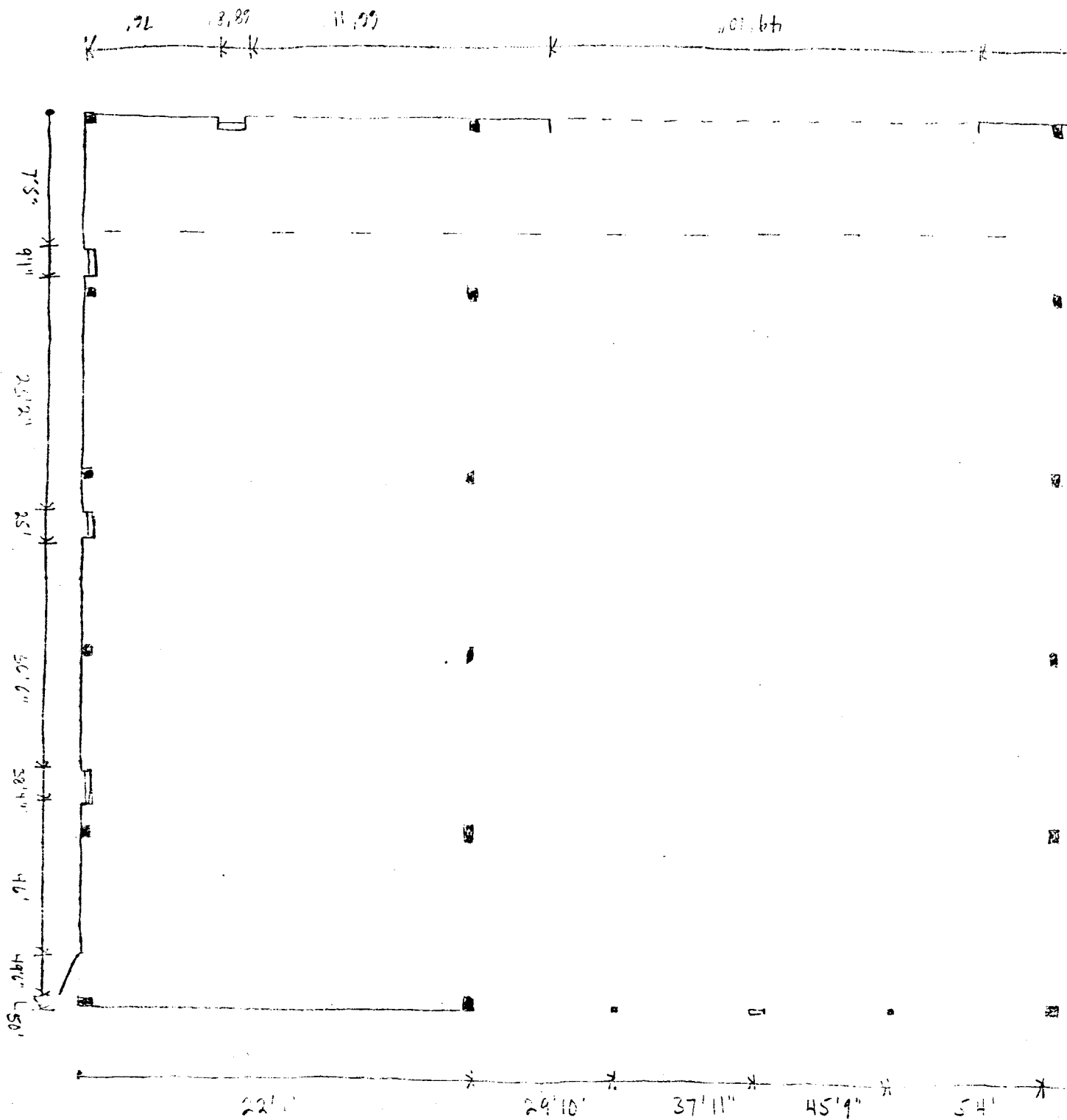


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Main floor



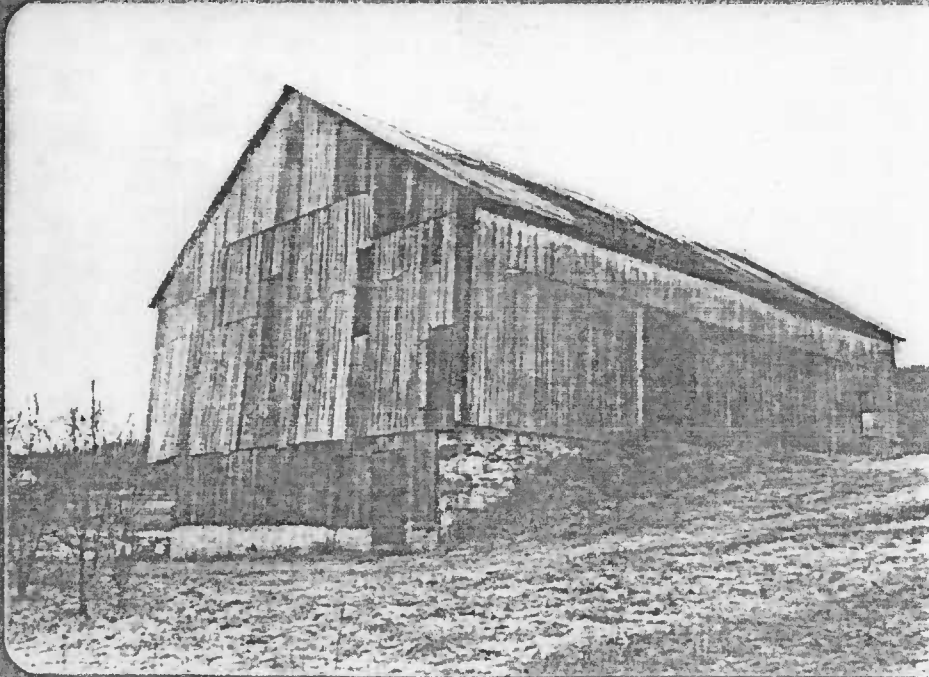
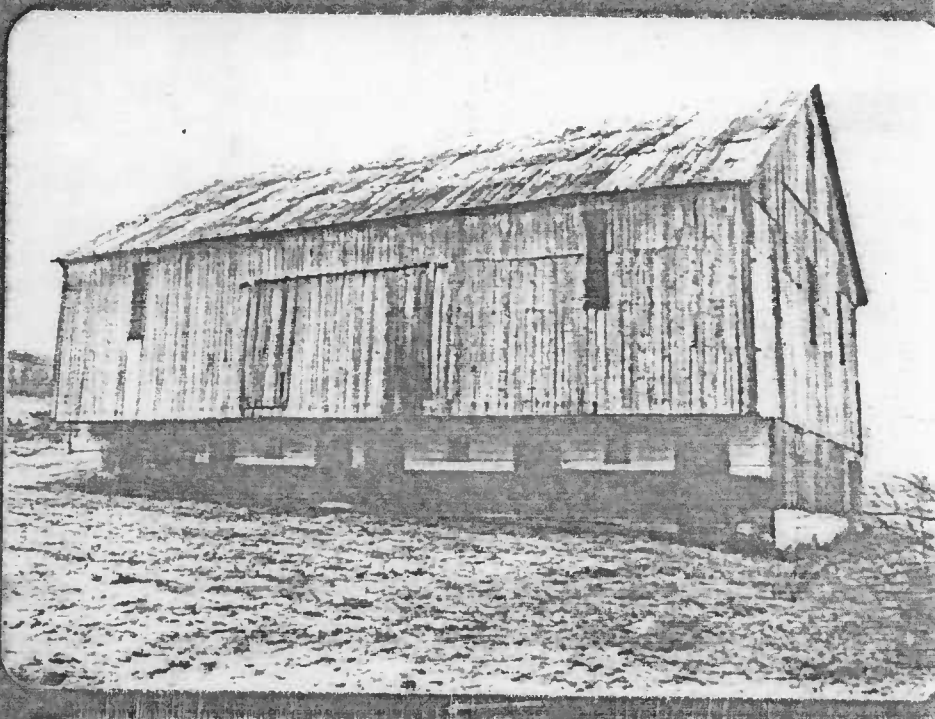
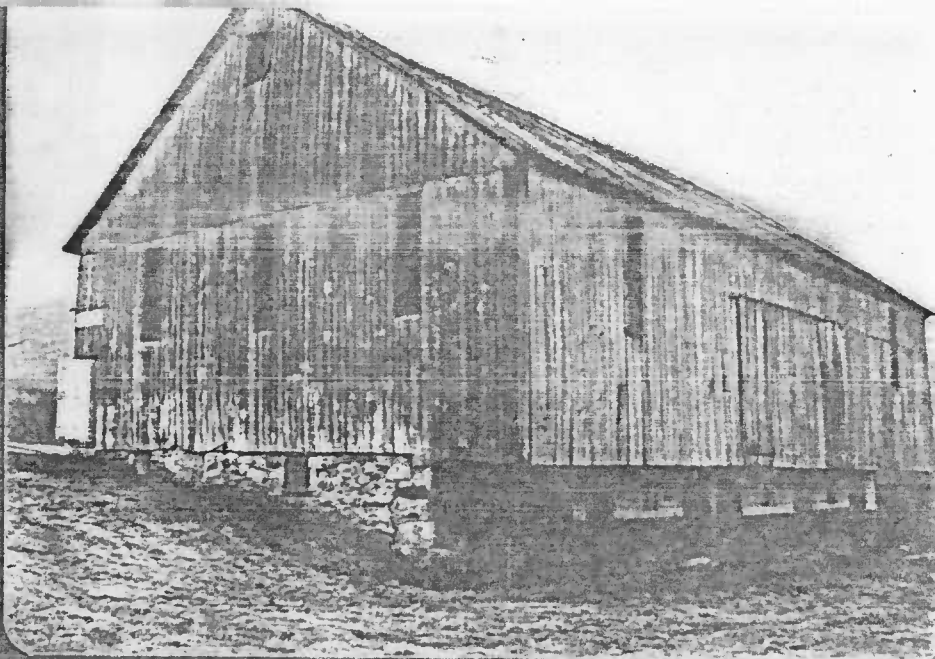
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WA-IX-179 Snyder Farm Barn

top - north & east facades

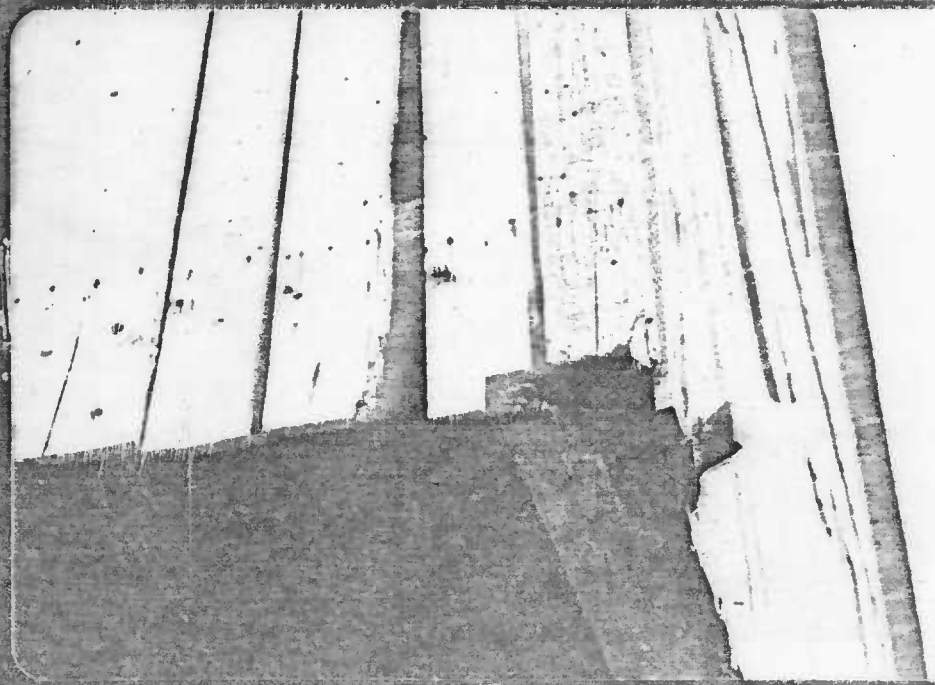
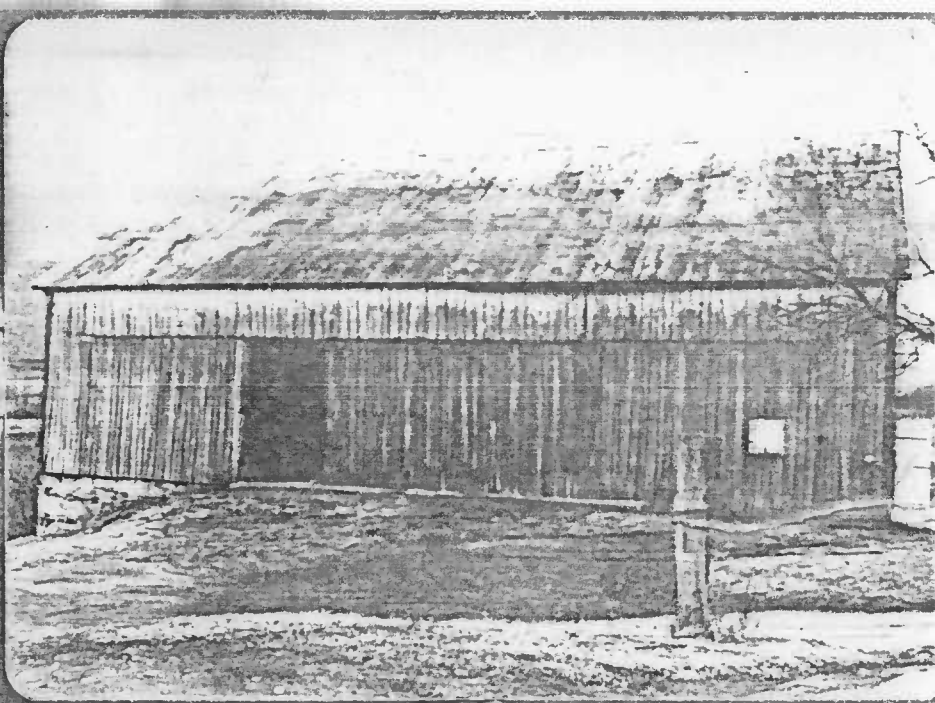
center - north & west facades

bottom - south & west facades



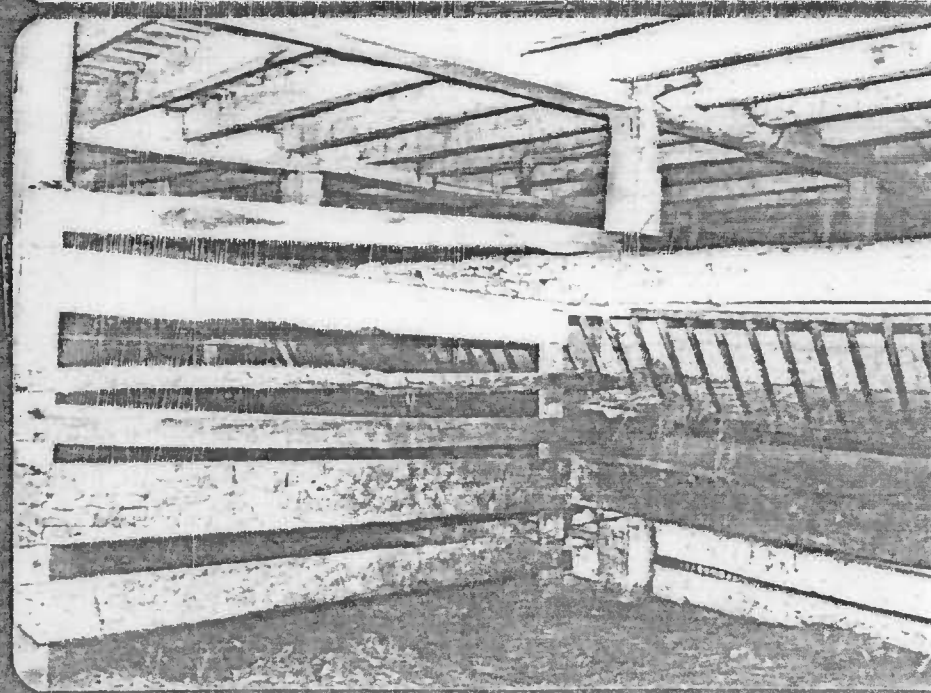
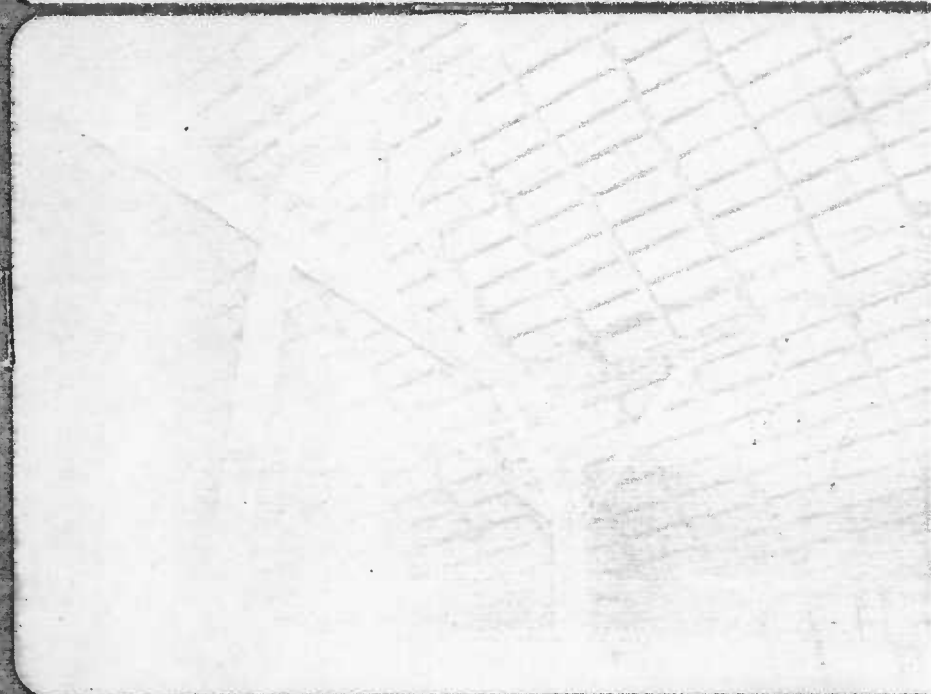
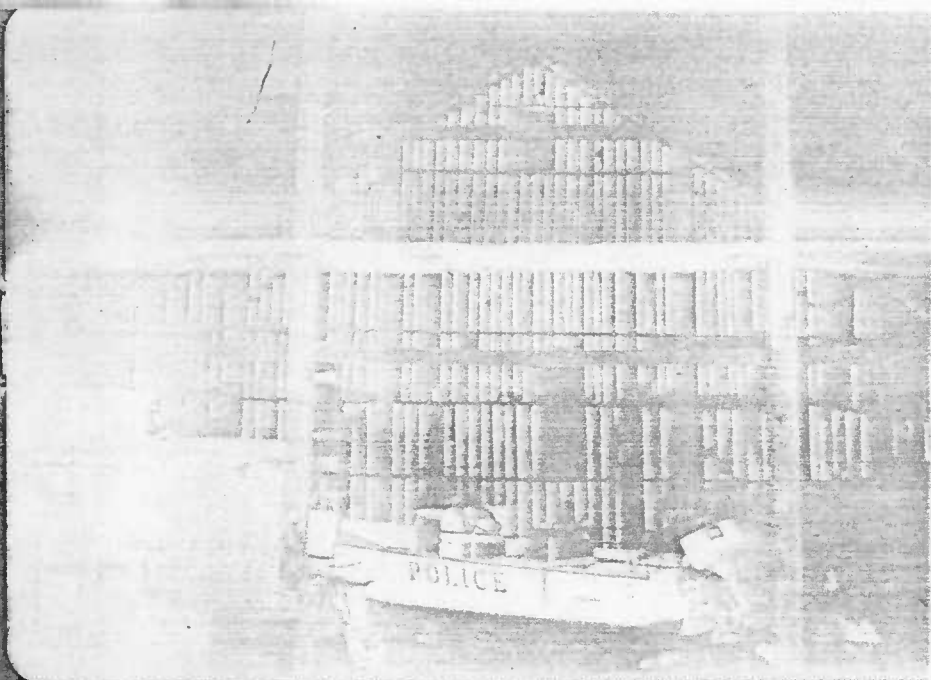
WA-V-179 Snyder Farm Barn

top - south facade
center - forebay
bottom - forebay detail

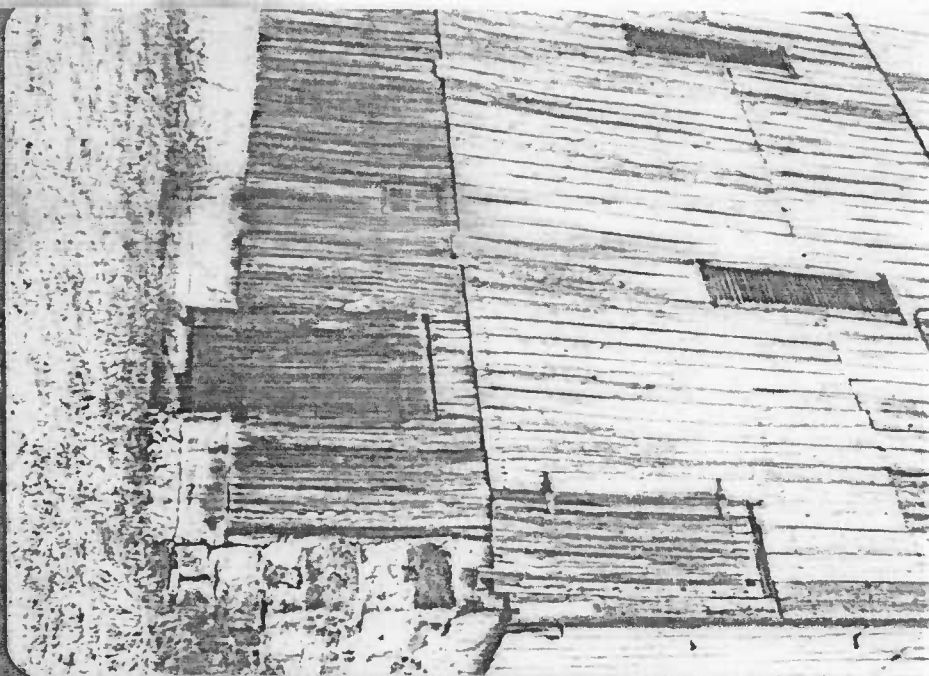


WA-V-179 Snyder Farm Barn

top - interior framing
center - framing detail
bottom - livestock pen



WA-II-179 Snyder Farm Barn
top - west facade - detail
center - "Henry Snyder 1921"
bottom - "CAS APR 1, 1917"

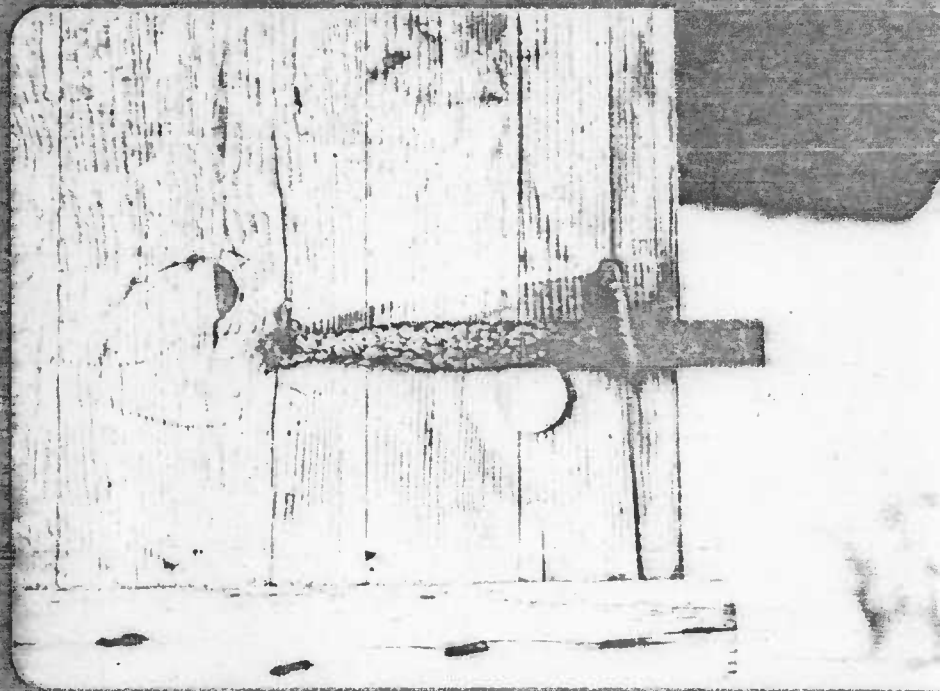
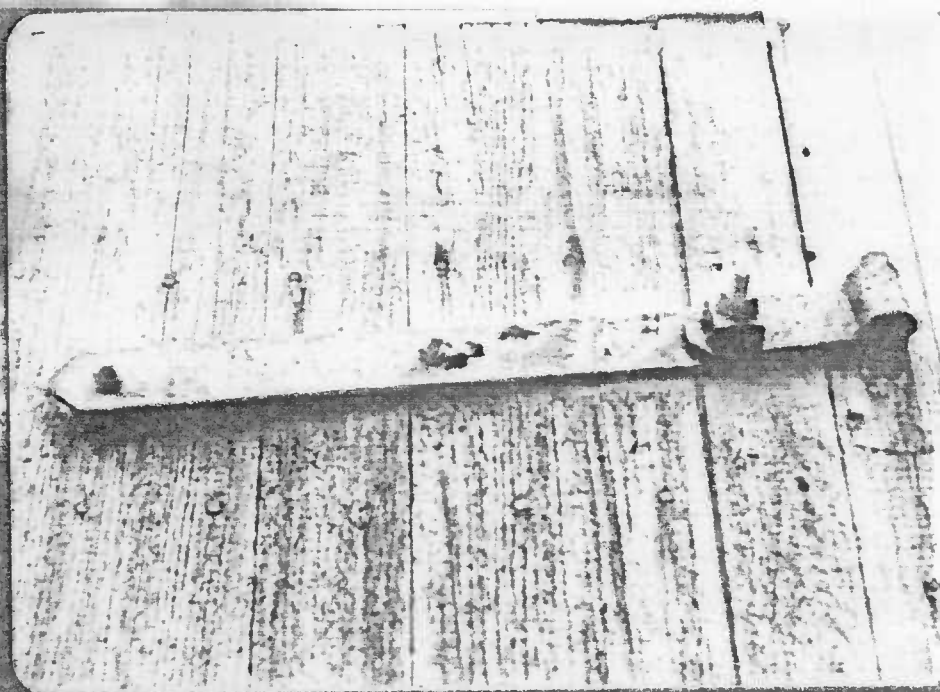


WA-II-179 Snyder Farm Barn

Blairs Valley Road

top - strap hinge

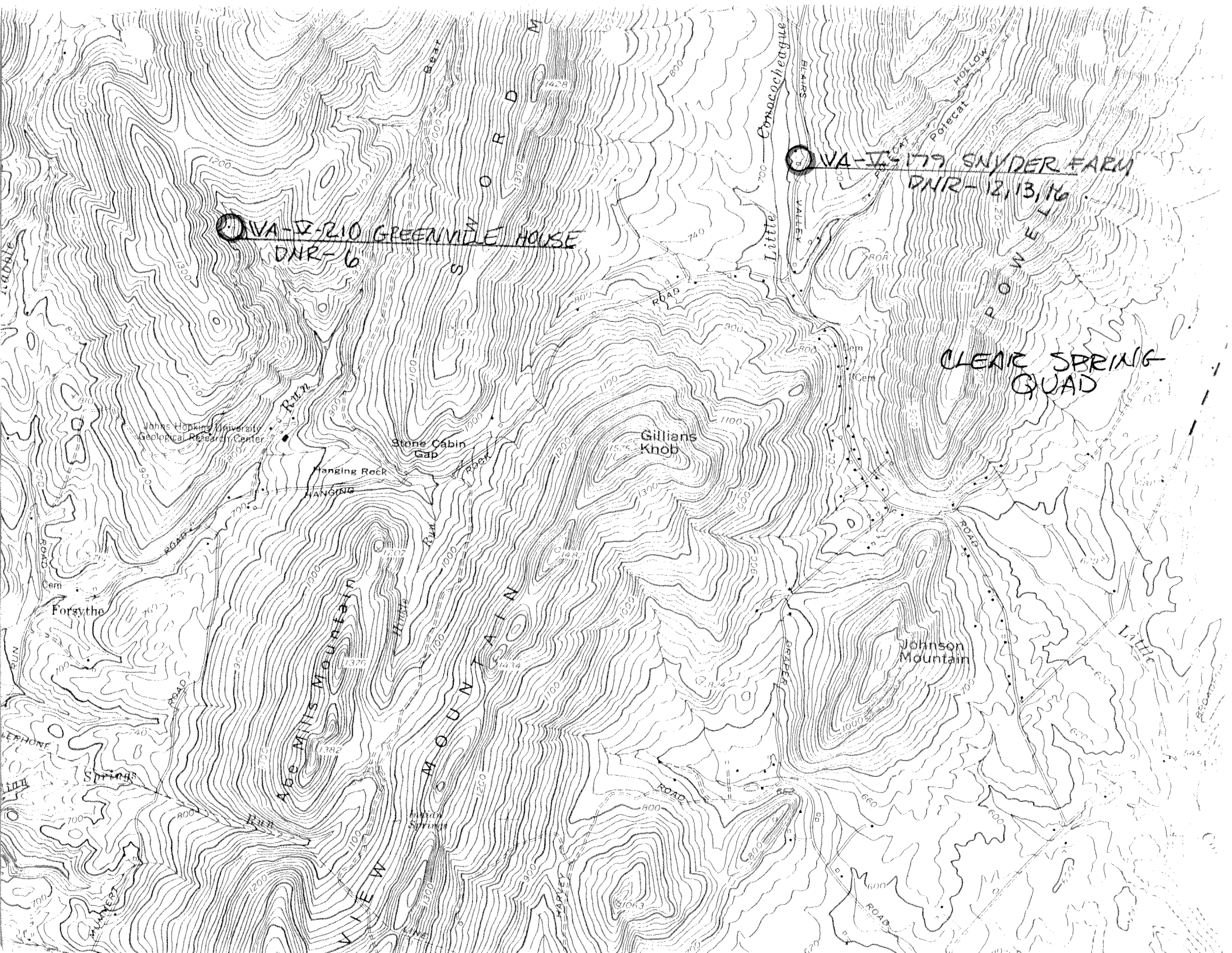
bottom - iron latch



OVA-D-210 GREENVILLE HOUSE
DNR-6

OVA-I-179 SNYDER FARM
DNR-12, 13, 16

CLEAR SPRING
QUAD





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Indian Springs WMA

"Snyder Farm, N.W. View"

Dec. 1978

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Indian Springs Wildlife Manag. Area

Snyder Farm - Barn S.W. View

Dec. 1973

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